Jane Kessler called the business meeting to order and welcomed the membership.

Approval of the May 19, 2014 Business Meeting minutes.

Katie Dunn moved to approve the minutes. Eric Alan seconded.

Annual Reports

The 2014-2015 Annual Reports were distributed to the membership at the meeting, and are attached below.

Election Results, Jane Kessler, Past President

Jane Kessler announced the results of the Board election.

Program Chair/Vice President/President-Elect: Kathryn Frederick (Skidmore)
Government Relations Chair: Ali Larsen (Siena College)
Communications Chair: Jesi Buell (Colgate)

Board members continuing their terms are Andy Krzystyniak, (Past-President), Tarida Anantachai (President), Katie Dunn (Secretary); Yu-Hui Chen (Treasurer); and Patrick Williams (Membership Chair).

There were no nominations for the Innovation Award this year, despite the fact that past nominations could be resubmitted. The Board will be discussing the Innovation Award process.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Call for New Business

There was no new business.
Announcements, Patrick Williams, Membership Chair

Welcome especially to members from east of the Hudson.

Molly Brown joined the SUNY Oneonta library faculty in September 2014 and is currently a reference and instruction librarian, an active member of the Special Collections Center Committee and the backup to the interlibrary loan librarian.

Skidmore College recently welcomed Johanna MacKay as their new Instructional Design Librarian. Johanna received her MLS from SUNY Buffalo and has worked previously as an Instructional Librarian at the University of Southern Indiana and Suffolk County Community College where, along with in-person instruction, she focused on online instructional technologies as well as library marketing and outreach.

Cerise Oberman, longtime Dean and colleague at SUNY Plattsburgh, is retiring after 29 years of service to Feinberg Library. She was instrumental in instituting a required information literacy course at SUNY Plattsburgh and was one of the founders of ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy Immersion program. Her leadership, collegiality, and expertise will be sincerely missed.

Connie Roberts, Director of Technical Services at Hamilton College since 2001 will be retiring this year. Connie is a former Program Chair for ENY/ACRL, and was Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the ENY/ACRL Annual Meeting held at Hamilton College in May of 2006. Connie has been instrumental in developing online serials and ebooks collections, and has chaired the Electronic Resources Management Team at Hamilton for many years.

Nikki Reynolds, Director of Educational Technology Services at Hamilton College, since 1997 will also be retiring this year. Nikki was responsible for the planning and management of facilities and services that provide well-coordinated support for the use of technology across the curriculum, and in this role, facilitated collaborations between the Library and IT at Hamilton.

Skidmore College’s Lucy Scribner Library will be losing two long-time friends and colleagues to retirement this year. Ruth Copans, College Librarian, will be retiring after 24 years of service at Skidmore. Susan Zappen, Associate Librarian for Collections, has been at Skidmore since 1995, when she was from her previous position at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The Scribner library’s faculty and staff thank Ruth and Susan for their dedication and collegiality, and wish them luck on their upcoming adventures. Skidmore’s new College Librarian, Marta Brunner, will be joining the library this summer – we look forward to welcoming her.

Door Prizes, Tarida Anantachai, Vice President/Program Chair

Two umbrellas, donated by Springer:
  Kabel Stanwicks
  Johanna MacKay

Two computer mice, donated by Springer
  Anne Fildes
Melissa Perez

Binghamton swag bag, donated by Binghamton University
Lee Ann Fullington

Free registration for ENYACRL next year (sponsored by Gimlet and ENY/ACRL)
Stephanie Herfel Kinsler (sponsored by Gimlet)
Richard Powell (sponsored by Gimlet)
Elise Thornley (sponsored by ENY/ACRL)

Free conference registration (maximum of $385) to a conference of the winner’s choice
Sarah Weisman

Jane Kessler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Dunn
President’s Report

This has been a busy and fruitful year for our ENY/ACRL Chapter. Our annual Brown Bag Lunch Series was held at numerous locations throughout our region. The hosting sites included SUNY Potsdam, Mount Saint Mary College, SUNY Geneseo, and Union College. I would like to thank these institutions for their participation, which is greatly appreciated by both our Board of Directors and members. Along with our newsletters, participation at ACRL Chapters Council Meetings, organizing our annual conference, and co-hosting a Syracuse Area Librarians/LIS Mixer in April, this has been a productive year for our organization.

This year’s Board election welcomes Jesi Buell (Colgate College) as our new Communications Chair. Ali Larsen (Siena College) was successfully re-elected as Government Relations Chair, while the current Communications Chair, Kathryn Frederick (Skidmore College), was elected Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair for 2015/2016. Congratulations to our newly elected board members and thank you to all that participated in the election.

It has been a gratifying experience serving as President this year and having the privilege of working closely with the current Board members. I would also like to specially thank our Program Planning Committee, the Local Arrangements Committee, and the current Vice-President/President-Elect/Program Chair Tarida Anantachai, for organizing this year’s conference at Binghamton University. The active participation of our membership ensures informative and timely topics are accessible to our library community. If anyone has activity suggestions for our Chapter, please share them with me or any of the Board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Krzystyniak
President
Past President’s Report

This year the Nominations and Election Committee once again used the Condorcet Online Voting Service to conduct elections. A slate of candidates was developed in January and elections were conducted in March. Many thanks to all the candidates, and to Jean McLaughlin (University at Albany) for serving on the committee with me, and to Kathryn Frederick (Skidmore) and Patrick Williams (Syracuse University) for their assistance.

The election results are as follows:
Program Chair/Vice President/President-Elect: Kathryn Frederick (Skidmore)
Government Relations Chair: Ali Larsen (Siena College)
Communications Chair: Jesi Buell (Colgate)

Board members continuing their terms are Andy Krzystyniak, (Past-President), Tarida Anantachai (President), Katie Dunn (Secretary); Yu-Hui Chen (Treasurer); and Patrick Williams (Membership Chair).

I am sorry to report that there were no nominations for the Library Innovation Award this year, despite the fact that previous nominations could be resubmitted. I have asked the Board to discuss the award process at the next meeting. If you have feedback on the award, or how we can make the nomination process easier, please share it with a board member. We want to recognize the good work being done by chapter members. Thank you to Mary Van Ullen (University at Albany) and Michelle Young (Clarkson University) for being willing to serve on the Library Innovation Award Committee.

It’s been my pleasure to serve on the board for the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Kessler
Past President/Nominations and Elections Committee Chair
Program Chair’s Annual Report and Program Planning Committee Annual Report

Fall Brown Bag Lunch Series
This past fall, ENY/ACRL again hosted a number of events for our annual Brown Bag Lunch Series. This year’s theme, “More Than Just Book Buyers: Communicating Our Value as Librarians” brought together five institutions from the ENY/ACRL region for four separate events. They included:
- Clarkson University and SUNY Potsdam, coordinated by Michelle Young (Clarkson University) and Marianne Hebert (SUNY Potsdam)
- Mount Saint Mary College, coordinated by Denise Garofalo
- SUNY Geneseo, coordinated by Bonnie Swoger and Kim Hoffman
- Union College, coordinated by Raik Zaghloul

The events were held from October 27th through November 18th, and focused on subtopics ranging from leveraging campus collaborations to qualitative and quantitative assessment strategies. I especially want to extend my thanks to the host institutions and their respective event coordinators for generously volunteering to organize and facilitate these discussions for our membership.

Spring Conference
Since officially kicking off this past August, the Program Committee has been hard at work coordinating this year’s annual Spring Conference, “Building Supportive Organizational Cultures in Libraries.” Scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 at Binghamton University, this year’s conference will welcome two keynote speakers—Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director of ACRL, and Jessica Olin, Director of Wesley College’s Robert H. Parker Library. In addition to the usual call for poster sessions and lightning rounds, this year we were pleased to offer members an additional opportunity to submit proposals for two rounds of breakout sessions. The conference will cover a range of subtopics related to the main theme, ranging from examining different leadership styles to engaging essential stakeholders into project management planning. A much deserved thanks to all of the members of the Program Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, and to Binghamton University for their amazing contributions, valuable insights, and overall enthusiasm towards creating what is slated to be an exciting conference.

Other Events
This spring, ENY/ACRL also collaborated with the Upstate Special Libraries Association, Beta Phi Mu (Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter), the Library and Information Science Student Association at Syracuse University, and Syracuse University Libraries’ Mentoring Team to coordinate an informal Syracuse Area Librarians/LIS Mixer. Held on April 28 at a restaurant/bar in Syracuse, several librarians and library school students alike came to chat with colleagues, network with other local library professionals, and enjoy some light refreshments on a pleasant spring evening.

Future Events
Plans were made for a set of two Digital POWRR Preservation Workshops (http://digitalpowrr.niu.edu), to be held Oct. 22 and 23, 2015 at University at Albany. The workshops will be jointly sponsored by ENY/ACRL and Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Tarida Anantachai
Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair
**Secretary’s Report**

The Board finalized updates to the Board Handbook begun last year, and the updated handbook was posted to the ENY/ACRL website and Board Dropbox archive. Formatted copies of ENY/ACRL’s CoPA Plan for Excellence Reports for 2013 and 2014 were obtained from ACRL and posted to the ENY/ACRL website and Board Dropbox archive.

Many thanks to Kathryn Frederick for taking minutes at the July Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Dunn
Secretary

**Treasurer’s Report**

ENY/ACRL remains in healthy financial condition. Our checking account balance as of April 30, 2015 was **$22,638.03**.

**2014 Annual Conference, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY**

ENY/ACRL received 79 paid registrations and $1,700 in vendor support.

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The 2014 Annual Conference was well received. I very much appreciated the members of the Local Arrangements Committee at SUNY Oswego for their cost-effective approach. Also, many thanks to Anne Rauh at Syracuse University for her great efforts in soliciting vendor support. With the healthy financial status, ENY/ACRL will be able to continue providing vibrant programs for our members. We will also continue to subsidize our conferences to keep the direct cost to membership as low as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Yu-Hui Chen
Treasurer

**Communication Chair’s Report**

In 2014/2015, fall and spring newsletters were distributed to the ENY/ACRL membership. Both newsletters contained pieces from members about new and ongoing initiatives at their libraries. Some highlights include reports on assessment initiatives, reaching out to other campus constituencies, and a variety of initiatives to engage with First Year students. Many thanks to all the ENY/ACRL members who contributed their experiences and ideas to the newsletter this past year! We also continued to update the website and ENY/ACRL’s Twitter feed with information related to ENY/ACRL events and opportunities, as well as items of possible interest to our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Frederick
Communication Chair
**Membership Chair’s Report**

As of May 13, 2015, ENY/ACRL has 154 active members representing nearly 50 institutions, companies, regional library councils, and other organizations. We have added 32 new members in 2015, including those using the conference registration new membership option.

Our membership year follows the academic calendar: September 1 – August 31. If your membership expires on August 31, 2015 (those who renewed in our last membership push late last year), you will receive an email renewal request toward the end of the summer. Membership renewal and secure payment options are available online. Once your payment arrives via PayPal, personal check or institutional check, you will receive an email confirmation along with our most current Membership Directory.

If you serve as an institutional liaison (IL) for your organization, summer is a perfect time to talk with your colleagues about membership, review your institution’s entries in the Annual Membership Directory (a draft is forthcoming after conference registrations can be included) for accuracy and send corrections, job changes, relocations, etc. to me by the end of July. Also, please send me information about retiring members from your institutions as well as new members. We’d love to hear about these folks so we can recognize them at future events.

I welcome feedback of all kinds, including ways you would like to see ENY/ACRL support our membership. Please contact me at jpwil03@syr.edu if you are interested in serving as an IL or if you have accolades, complaints, or suggestions. You can expect to hear from me again in August with news of membership renewals.

On behalf of the ENY/ACRL board, I’d like to thank you for your membership, your collegiality, and all the work that you do to keep our organization thriving. Please keep in mind the continued growth of our organization as you meet and collaborate with new colleagues in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Williams
Membership Chair

**Archivist’s Report**

The ENY/ACRL archives are maintained digitally in the Board’s Dropbox account and in print format. The print archives are housed in three bankers boxes at Siena College. Any archival material sent through the listserv or directly to the Archivist has been added to the archives. There were two requests for archival material from the Board of Directors and no requests from chapter members this year. The requests for archival material concerned member participation in past elections and the geographic boundaries of ENY/ACRL.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fairall
Archivist
Government Relations Chair’s Report

The 2015 ACRL Legislative Agenda lists two items, ranked in order of importance:

1) Access to Federally Funded Research- the Fair Access to Research & Technology Research (FASTR) Act was introduced in 2013 and while the bill has support of from both parties in both chambers, FASTR, in its entirety, has not been passed. It was refiled on March 18 & 19, 2015 in the Senate and House respectively. Some progress has been made in this area with the Consolidated and Continuing Appropriations Act.

2) Curbing Government Surveillance Background- this focuses on the US Patriot Act and the potential that “librarians could be compelled to compile and submit patron records, including documentation of computer usage, circulation records, printing records, Internet histories, and interlibrary loan requests. Compliance is mandatory.”

Other items on their Watch List include Fair Use, Net Neutrality, and Copyright Legislature.

For more information on agenda items or the Watch List in its entirety, see ACRL’s Legislative Agenda website at: http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/legagenda

NYLA reported a successful advocacy year and that the 2015-2016 NYS Budget includes:

1. +$5M increase in library aid over the Governor’s Executive Budget, bringing total library aid in FY2015-16 to $91.6M. This represents a nearly 6% increase in library funding over last year.
2. $1.3M reimbursement for MTA Payroll Taxes remitted in FY2014-15
3. Permanent exemption from MTA Payroll Taxes for public libraries and library systems going forward
4. $14M in Library Construction Aid

The NYLA Legislative Priority of note for ENY/ACRL is TAPFR (Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research) which NYSHEI had been working on. This following is from NYLA’s Legislative Budget and Priorities page regarding TAPRF:

Background:
• This legislation requires New York State funded research published in peer-reviewed journals be made available online by the state agencies that underwrite such research. This bill would bring NYS in line with the federal standards employed by the National Institute of Health and the State of California.
• Currently, when publically-funded research is published in peer-reviewed journals, libraries must expend public dollars for public and scholarly access.

Impact:
• This bill would eliminate the need for libraries to use tax dollars to pay for public access to publicly-funded research and would follow the federal model.

For more information from NYLA see their Legislative Budget and Priorities page at: http://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=60&MenuKey=advocacy

Respectfully submitted,
Ali Larsen
Government Relations Chair